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Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: In the Matter of applications of AT&T Inc. and Deutsche Telekom AG for consent to assign or Transfer Control of licenses and Authorizations (WT Docket No. 11-65)

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

Asian Americans for Change (AAC) is a community-based development organization established in 2007. We serve to bridge the gap between the Vietnamese American communities in the lower three counties, Hancock, Jackson, and Harrison, of Mississippi, with local, state and federal organizations. AAC was first established in response to the Hurricane Katrina crisis, which devastated MS Gulf Coast residents, destroying their livelihood, damaging their homes, and disrupting their community life.

We engage community members across generational, cultural, and socioeconomic boundaries to create unity out of disarray. We help achieve this by providing communications assistance to members when needed to ensure they are not denied access to services due to language and cultural barriers.

We recently opened a new job placement resource center for our members, which gives them Internet access to view job boards, as well as company and recruiter websites. As I'm sure you're aware, job search and placement has made a dramatic shift from a paper-based process to one of electronic networking and social media – making a reliable, high-speed network that meets the needs of job seekers particularly vital today.

AAC is also deeply invested in the education of its members. Although we do not intend to supplant traditional classrooms, we strive to offer curricula and teaching methods that are innovative and can be conveniently presented to students through portable electronic devices, such as Blackberries and I-phones.

For these reasons, we are particularly excited about the proposed merger between AT&T and T-Mobile. With the approval of this merger, AT&T promises to expand its 4G wireless network to reach more than 55 million additional Americans. Mississippi, with its rural and coastal areas, has long been an "orphan" compared to urban areas in access to fast, wireless broadband

networks. I believe this partnership would provide our members, and the state, with the essential tool of mobile Internet access, and in turn, greatly assist in the development of the Asian community on the Gulf Coast.

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This merger could also bring many new job opportunities to our Asian minority community. I hope you will take these points into consideration as you review the merits of these two companies joining together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kaitlin Truong". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kaitlin" and last name "Truong" clearly distinguishable.

Kaitlin Truong, Pharm. D.
Chair, Asian Americans for Change

Cc: Commissioner Michael Copps
Commissioner Robert McDowell
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn